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Attention: Ms. Tashia Clemons

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 90 Seventh Street, Suite 15-300 San Francisco, CA 94103-6701

Attention: Ms. Dominique Paukowits

Dear Ms. Clemons and Ms. Paukowits:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits Amendment No. 11 to the Rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area portion of the California 2017 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment adds a new grouped project listing for Section 130 Railroad Grade Crossing, carry over a project from the prior FSTIP, and modifies the funding of three (3) various grouped project listings totaling \$62.9 million. The programming changes to the local, state and transit transportation systems are as follows:

## **Inyo County**

Proj #1: CTIPS ID 130-0000-0638, Olancha/Cartago Expressway – carry over preliminary engineering and right of way phases programmed in the prior FSTIP into Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 16/17 for obligation purposes totaling of \$27.9 million.

## **Various Counties**

Proj #2: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0033, Grouped Project Listing for Section 130 Railroad Grade Crossing Protection – programs a new grouped project totaling \$688,000 in FFY 16/17.

Proj #3: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0160, Grouped Project Listing for Safety Improvements – Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – increases the total funding by \$4.6 million in FFY 16/17 and revises the detailed backup listing of projects.

Proj #4: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0361, Grouped Project listing for Capital Assistance Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 and 5311(f) – increases the total funding by \$1.7 million in various FFYs and revises the detailed backup listing of projects.

Proj #5: CTIPS ID 230-0000-0241, Grouped Project listing for Operating Assistance FTA 5311 and 5311(f) – increases the total funding by \$28.1 million in various FFYs and revises the detailed backup listing of projects.

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Documentation associated with this amendment include summary of programming changes, project documentation, and updated financial plan. This amendment was posted for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days that commenced on June 7 through June 21, 2017 as required by FSTIP public participation plan. No comments were received during the public review period. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also included as part of *Attachment 1*, *Summary of Changes and Project Details*. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2017 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in *Attachment 2*, *Financial Summary Tables*.

Based upon correspondence from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve this FSTIP Amendment No. 11 for inclusion into California's 2017 FSTIP. I am also recommending that the FHWA and the FTA approve this amendment. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please contact Lilibeth Green at (916) 654-3521 or <u>Lilibeth.Green@dot.ca.gov</u>.

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Sincerely,

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Chief

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Attachments

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